

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method and system for providing video streaming with e-mail on the Internet by distributing multiple bit-rate audio/video streams across the Internet via a combination of network architecture, hardware and software. Data is digitized, compressed, encoded, and then stored and/or transmitted in or through a video server. The processed data is then distributed by satellite, terrestrial methods, or wireless technology around the world by a smart server that recognizes the recipient computer's client player/decoder. The data is encoded into a form that can be viewed by multiple client players capable of viewing streaming video over the Internet. This method disseminates streaming video from a live source or an archive. The video screen for viewing the streaming video is embedded on the e-mail web site so that the person using the e-mail can view the streaming video while using the e-mail. The e-mail system also includes digital calendar data and simultaneously distributing the calendar data with the video data streams, thereby enabling the calendar data to be displayed simultaneously with the video data stream on the client recipient computers.